

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/AU2004/000828

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int. Cl. 7: **A47J 19/02**

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC: **A47J 19/02**

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

WPAT, A47J 19/02, key words **COLLECT+, CONTAIN+, PULP+, CAP+, FEED+, CHANNEL+, LID+, SPOUT+**

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

| Category* | Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages | Relevant to claim No. |
|-----------|--|-----------------------|
| A | EP 0411603 B (MOULINEX) 6 February 1991 Whole document | 1-13,19,20 |
| A | US 6050180 A (MOLINE) 18 April 2000 Whole document | 1-13,19,20 |
| A | US 5924357 A (CHEN) 20 July 1999 Whole document | 1-13,19,20 |



Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C



See patent family annex

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| "A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance | "T" later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention |
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Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
2. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a)

Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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| a. Claims 1-6, | f. Claim 19 |
| b. Claim 6 | g. Claim 20 |
| c. Claims 7-13 | |
| d. Claims 14-16 | |
| e. Claims 17 & 18 | |

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☒ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:
1-13, 19 & 20

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Supplemental Box

(To be used when the space in any of Boxes I to VIII is not sufficient)

Continuation of Box No: III

The international application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention because it does not relate to one invention or to a group of inventions so linked as to form a single general inventive concept. In coming to this conclusion the International Searching Authority has found that there are different inventions as follows:

- a. Claims 1-5 directed to an electric juicing device. It is considered that an interior horizontal rim that defines an upper extremity of an interior compartment of the collector comprises a first "special technical feature".
- b. Claim 6 directed to an electric juicing device. It is considered that the pulp collector conforming to an exterior surface of the housing comprises a second special technical feature.
- c. Claims 7-13 directed to an electric juicing device. It is considered that a polymeric cap in which is formed a central opening, the opening accommodating a metal feed tube comprises a third special technical feature.
- d. Claims 14-16 directed to a mounting tray for a motorised juicing device. It is considered that one or more channels on the surface draining into the opening comprise a fourth special technical feature.
- e. Claims 17 & 18 directed to a jug for a juicing device. It is considered that the lid having a relief portion that cooperates with a gap in an upper rim of the body to form a port adapted to receive a spout tube of a juicing device comprises a fifth special technical feature.
- f. Claim 19 directed to an electric juicing device. It is considered that the cap having an under surface that forms a smooth and continuous surface that extends from above a juice collection area to a pulp exit area of the cap comprises a fifth special technical feature.
- g. Claim 20 directed to an electric juicing device. It is considered that an angle between an outer surface of the descending rim and an inner surface of the juice stopping rim creating a tapered gap that is most narrow at the bottom comprises a sixth special technical feature.

Above inventions could be grouped in to three groups

Group I items a, b, c, f & g

Group II item d

Group III item e

In group I all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying additional fees.

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Information on patent family members

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This Annex lists the known "A" publication level patent family members relating to the patent documents cited in the above-mentioned international search report. The Australian Patent Office is in no way liable for these particulars which are merely given for the purpose of information.

| Patent Document Cited in Search Report | | Patent Family Member | |
|---|---------|----------------------|----------|
| EP | 0411603 | AU | 60077/90 |
| | | BR | 9003789 |
| | | CA | 2022643 |
| | | EG | 19035 |
| | | FR | 2650496 |
| | | PT | 94883 |
| | | US | 5074202 |
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| US | 6050180 | WO | 0027260 |
| US | 5924357 | NONE | |
| Due to data integration issues this family listing may not include 10 digit Australian applications filed since May 2001. | | | |
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